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Letter dated 24 June 1991 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

You will recall that the General Assembly on 17 September 1990 in its resolution 44/244 had requested me to remain actively seized of developments in South Africa and to submit by 30 June 1991 to its forty-fifth session a report on further progress in the implementation of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa.

In view of ongoing developments in South Africa and following consultations with a number of concerned parties, including the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania, the South African authorities, the Chairman of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid and interested delegations, it is my considered view that were I to submit the requested report at a later stage, the purpose for which the General Assembly had requested it would be better served.

In order to prepare the report, I intend, as I did last year, to send a mission to South Africa with a view to obtaining first-hand information on the degree of progress made since last year in implementing the Declaration. The most appropriate time for the mission to visit South Africa would be the first half of August this year.

In view of the above, I propose to postpone until a later date, prior to the closure of the forty-fifth session, the sumission of the aforementioned report. I would be grateful, therefore, if you could bring this matter to the attention of the General Assembly with a view to securing its concurrence to the proposed postponement.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR

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